

**SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Board Policy**

**Instruction****Student Internet/computer Networks Use**

The Board of Education believes that the use of the Internet and other local and/or wide area networks will further education by promoting the exchange of information and ideas and by providing intra- and inter-district, statewide, national, and global opportunities for staff, students, and the community. Students will be able to access the Internet under the supervision of their teachers. Individual student accounts and email addresses will not be provided. The user will be allowed to access a personal email account to send and receive instructional materials with the permission and supervision of a trained staff member.

Since the Internet constitutes an unregulated collection of educational resources which change constantly, it is not possible to predict or control exactly what resources users may locate. The school district makes no guarantees of the accuracy of the information or the appropriateness of materials which a student may encounter. Students will be supervised; however, it is not possible to constantly monitor individual students and what they are accessing. Students will not intentionally access and/or download any text, picture, or on-line conferencing that includes material which is considered to be obscene, libelous, indecent, vulgar, profane, or lewd; advertises any product or service to minors prohibited by law; presents a clear and present danger; or will cause the commission of unlawful acts or the violation of lawful school regulations. Students will not solicit or receive any information or service which could result in unauthorized expense to the district.

Precautions will be taken to ensure that the Internet is a safe learning environment. In addition to supervision of students while using the Internet, software which attempts to filter access to objectionable material will be installed on computer networks used by students.

Students will be courteous and polite. Messages will be concise and not abusive in content or language. Personal information should not be revealed. Students must be aware that any message or information posted on or through the computer network may be monitored and accessed by certified staff. Email and downloaded materials will be deleted from the system on a regularly scheduled basis.

Students will be taught the appropriate use of the school network, Internet, copyright laws and Internet etiquette incurred during the use of services. An internet/Computer Network use agreement will be signed annually by all students wishing to use the service provided by the school district'

Violation of the Internet/Computer Networks Acceptable Use Policy may result in forfeiture of all user privileges. Violators shall also be subject to appropriate disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

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Scotland School District shall not be liable for students' inappropriate use of electronic communication resources or violations of copyright restrictions, students' mistakes or negligence, or costs incurred by students. Scotland School district shall not be responsible for ensuring the accuracy or usability of any information found on the Internet.

**Definition of Cyberbullying**

The misuse of electronic communications for the purpose of bullying, harassing, sexually harassing other students within school or outside of school which lead to the disruption of the educational process will result in an investigation. Discipline may be applied to the full extent as permitted by the following policies: (1) Student Discipline Policy, (2) bullying Policy, (3) Sexual Harassment Policy, (4) use of Computers Policy, (5) Section 504 Policy, and/or (6) General Harassment Policies.

Legal References:      Connecticut General Statutes  
                                 The Freedom of Information Act  
                                 53A-182B Harassment in the first degree  
                                 PA 98-142 An Act Requiring Notice to Employees of Electronic  
                                 Monitoring by Employers